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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

LAC DU FLAMBEAU MEN CHARGED WITH DRUG CRIMES

In unrelated cases, two Lac du Flambeau men are charged with drug crimes. Brian D. Cross, 55, is charged with three counts of distributing cocaine and one count of possessing cocaine with intent to distribute. The indictment alleges that he distributed cocaine on November 24, 2006, January 9, 2007, and January 17, 2007, and that he possessed cocaine with intent to distribute on January 26, 2007.

Byron G. Peterson, 29, is charged with one count of distributing crack cocaine on January 10, 2007, and one count of possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute, on January 26, 2007.

If convicted, each man faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against Cross and Peterson are the result of investigations conducted by the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Police Department, the North Central Drug Enforcement Group Task Force, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation - Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of these cases has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

EAU CLAIRE MAN FACES CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGE

Robert J. Hinterberg, 51, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, is charged with possessing three computer hard drives containing visual depictions which involved the use of minors engaging in sexually explicit contact. The indictment alleges that he possessed the computer hard drives on July 10, 2007.

If convicted, Hinterberg faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years and a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Eau Claire Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

This case has been brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

RIVER FALLS WOMAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Sherry Anne La Tourneau, 32, of River Falls, Wisconsin, is charged with possession of merchandise stolen from a warehouse operated by GE Security, located in North St. Paul, Minnesota. The indictment alleges that from April 2003 to August 2004, La Tourneau sold security alarm parts which were stored at the warehouse on eBay, Inc., and received payments totaling more than \$90,000. La Tourneau was employed with GE Security as a technical support representative from August 30, 1999 to July 23, 2004.

If convicted, La Tourneau faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against her is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Ramsey County (Minnesota) Sheriff's Department, and the River Falls Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH DRUG CRIME

Martez Moore, 21, of Madison, Wisconsin, is charged with possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute, on July 5, 2007. If convicted, Moore faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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